

# Welcome to Journalism Research



This is a fast-paced class. It's also a lot of fun. In this course, you'll learn the latest, most effective techniques for investigating people and places, tragedies and trends.

What are the best tools for researching criminal activity or trends in health? How can you dig up data on everyday people? How do you access corporate records? Where can you find campaign finance reports, environmental studies and lawsuits?



In this class, there will be many in-class activities, which are designed to prepare you for investigation on deadline.

Writing challenges will also test your ability to write clearly and conversationally.

With nearly every graded assignment, you will always have the chance to submit early drafts and/or do re-writes, improving your skills and your final grade.

Most important: All content you produce for this course should be objective and contain appropriate sources, which are clearly identified in the copy.



Thanks for taking the time to read this course introduction. As your instructor, I truly hope you will enjoy this course. I also sincerely hope you will contact me anytime with questions or concerns. No question is a dumb question.

As a journalist, I love discussing the craft. I love teaching. It's a thrill to work with students who get passionate about investigations.

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Welcome to the class. Let's begin investigating!



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